



Village of Addison

MINUTES ADVISORY LIQUOR COMMISSION TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024

Addison Village Hall
Room 2002
One Friendship Plaza
Addison, IL 60101

Liquor Commissioner Rich Veenstra

Commission Members present:
Tony Amato, Acting Chairman
Carol Cesario
Fred Yanez

1. **Call to order, roll call**

The June 4, 2024 Advisory Liquor Commission meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Tony Amato. Also in attendance were: Commission Members Carol Cesario and Fred Yanez; Mayor Rich Veenstra, Village Manager Joe Maranowicz, Police Chief Roy Selvik, Detective Commander Frank Pope, Village Attorney David Freeman, Alyssa Smith, and Mary Heneghan.

Representing Taco Salsa Grill was Fernando Lopez (accountant) and Aurelio Carbajal (applicant).

2. **Approval of the minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting**

Commission Member Cesario made a motion to recommend acceptance, seconded by Commission Member Yanez. Motion approved unanimously.

3. **Liquor License Application Public Hearing for Taco Salsa Grill at 815 S. Rohlwing Road, Class "E"**

The Public Hearing notice was read, and Mary Heneghan swore in Mr. Lopez.

Mr. Lopez stated that he is an accountant and handled the paperwork for this application. He stated that this is a modest, family-oriented, cash only restaurant with an emphasis on food sales. Attorney Freeman inquired if the applicant himself would be coming, and Mr. Lopez responded that he could not be here today. Mr. Freeman stated that without the applicant present, this Commission would not be able to make a decision on the application.

The applicant was contacted and arrived at approximately 3:30pm. Mary Heneghan swore him in. Mr. Carbajal stated this is an existing restaurant that he is taking over, and he wants to serve alcohol to get more business and try to survive. The hours are currently 10am to 6pm, but he may extend them. Acting Chairman Amato asked about the capacity, stating it appeared to be able to seat approximately 160 people. Mr. Carbajal did not know the exact capacity, but stated the

restaurant is approximately 1,500 square feet and could probably seat 60-70 people. Acting Chairman Amato then inquired how the alcohol would be served, asking if people would come to the counter for their alcohol, and Mr. Carbajal responded "something like that". He further explained that he will hire someone who knows the rules to serve. When asked about his policy to ensure no underage drinking, Mr. Carbajal stated "I guess we'll have to check everyone". Commissioner Cesario asked what his experience was in the food/alcohol industry, and Mr. Carbajal stated that this is his first business in this field. Commission Member Cesario asked what his responsibility is with this business, and he responded to make sure everything goes well. Acting Chairman Amato inquired where his customers come from, and Mr. Carbajal responded they come from the area, and some trucker drivers.

Chief Selvik and Commander Pope stated there were no issues with the background. The compliance check process was reviewed with the applicant to ensure no underage consumption. Chief Selvik questioned who would be actually managing the restaurant, and Mr. Carbajal stated that the previous owner, Gabriel Guevara, would stay on and work during the day to oversee operation, and that he is going through personal issues which is why he is giving up ownership of the business. Mr. Carbajal plans on keeping his day job in the same strip mall fixing cars, and he would be at this restaurant in the evenings. Commander Pope questioned if the hours would remain the same, and Mr. Carbajal replied that they may look to stay open until 10pm. Village Manager Maranowicz asked how many employees he had, and Mr. Carbajal responded there are three currently, and he may hire one more if approved for the liquor license. He then asked him how much alcohol he anticipated selling, and Mr. Carbajal said maybe 10-20%, he's not expecting too much.

The Commission members recessed at 3:46pm to discuss the application, and the meeting reconvened at 3:58pm.

Acting Chairman Amato stated that at this point in time, as a new owner of the restaurant without experience and without working there full time, the Commissioners agreed that it is too early to approve alcohol for this establishment. He wished Mr. Carbajal luck and stated that possibly down the road this could be reconsidered. He made a motion to deny the application, seconded by Commissioner Cesario.

4. **Police Reports**

None

5. **Old Business**

None

6. **New Business**

None

7. **Other Business at the discretion of the Chairman**

None

8. **Executive Session if needed**

Not needed

9. **Audience Participation**

None

10. **Adjournment**

Commission Member Cesario made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:02pm, seconded by Commission Member Yanez.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mary Heneghan

